

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for the discovery of compounds suitable for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of obesity, in which the ability of the test compounds to inhibit de novo lipogenesis in mammals and/or man is determined. The use of compounds which are capable of inhibiting de novo lipogenesis in mammals, and which are substantially free of effects directed towards the CNS, for the preparation of pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of obesity, as well as for the treatment and/or inhibition of obesity, are also described.